

Milwaukee County

Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., 10th District

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SUP. BIDDLE CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH DAY, FATHER'S DAY IN ALICE'S GARDEN

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr. was on hand to celebrate the 1st annual Alice's Garden Juneteenth Celebration Sunday.

"It was wonderful to see people of all ages in the community come out to honor African-American heritage," said Supervisor Biddle. "What better place to celebrate this important day than with the residents of the district that I serve."



Located in the heart of the 10th district, Alice's Garden is an urban agricultural project in Johnson's Park that offers families and community organizations rental plots for personal and collective gardening. Alice's Garden also works in conjunction with Walnut Way to promote a healthier lifestyle for the community.

Supervisor Biddle spoke on his appreciation for history and touched on the struggle of carrying on his ancestors' legacy by providing a better future for children. He reminded residents not to be discouraged by the current political climate. No matter how bad it gets, he said, it still doesn't compare to the struggles our ancestors had to endure.

Back in 2009, Gov. Jim Doyle signed a bill recognizing Juneteenth as a legal holiday in the state of Wisconsin. Supervisor Biddle also used the celebration to talk about the importance of Father's Day to the community.

"There is no doubt that Fathers play a vital role, and their importance should not be overlooked or downplayed," said Supervisor Biddle, who is a father of two children. "Strong men who are active in the day to day lives of their children help build a strong community."

Supervisor Biddle says he looks forward to being more involved with Alice's Garden in the future.